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Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P445722**

Dear Mr. Ader:

On behalf of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) this letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by our office on April 13, 2018. After an extension notice emailed on the date of receipt, CPD is now timely responding to your request seeking:

*Any emails - both sent and received - between Chicago Police Department's Chief Information Officer Jonathan Lewin and any employee of the Los Angeles Police Department through Jan 1st 2016 to April 1st 2018.*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned in conjunction with the Department's Information Services Division. Upon review it has been determined that processing your request for responsive email records would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that "*requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information*".

CPD requires more detailed information in order to effectively run an email search. Your request did not provide any names, email addresses, or key words for CPD to search within Chief Lewin's emails for responsive records. Your request, as written, would require CPD employees to individually examine a significantly large number of emails over a three-plus-year time period in order to determine whether any of the records met the requested criteria. CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

The FOIA neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request referencing FOIA File Number P445722 can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

You have the right to a review under 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a) by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: (877) 299-3642, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us). A Request for Review must be filed within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter, and include a copy of the original FOIA request and the denial letter. You may also seek judicial

review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

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